

The de Ferrers Academy Sixth Form Induction

24th-26th June 2019

What will I be doing on the Sixth Form Induction?

You will follow a timetable covering the subjects you have received a conditional offer to study. You will also be timetabled to attend a welcome talk where we will explain a little more about Sixth Form routines and expectations. Over the three days you will have full access to the Sixth Form Campus and we encourage you to explore and familiarise yourself with the building and facilities.

When do I need to arrive?

You need to arrive in plenty of time for each timetabled session to allow you to swipe in (on your first day you will be issued with a temporary card) and find the room for your lesson. If you have any questions about your timetable or subject choices you must arrive in plenty of time to discuss this with staff. Staff will be available each morning, in the dining room, to answer any questions you may have.

How is the day structured?

Support and guidance available in the dining room for Q+A	8.30 - 9.10am
Session 1	9.10 - 11.10am
Break	11.10 - 11.25am
Session 2	11.25 - 12.25pm
Lunch	12.25 - 1.15pm
Session 3	1.15 - 3.15pm

Do I need to be there when I'm not in lessons?

You only need to attend when you have a timetabled lesson. You are able to leave the campus once you have finished for the day. You are also able to leave the campus at lunchtime if you wish to do so. However, the Sixth Form Induction is your opportunity to meet new friends, try out our own catering facilities etc. We encourage all students to get into good habits of spending their time wisely and making the most of the facilities available.

What do I need to wear?

Casual wear is perfectly acceptable - you are not expected to wear uniform.

If you are currently attending de Ferrers you must wear your lanyard/ID card. If you are joining us from another school you will be issued with a lanyard on your first day. For safeguarding purposes all students on the campus must be wearing a de Ferrers lanyard.

How will I be registered?

The Sixth Form Campus has one entrance/exit. You will gain access to the building by swiping in through the turnstiles in reception. You will therefore be issued with a temporary ID card on your first day that you will keep for the duration of the induction and return it as you leave. This system registers you as you enter/leave the building. In addition, you will be registered in each timetabled session. Please be aware that there can be a small queue to leave the building at the end of the day due to the volume of students leaving via the turnstiles.

Do I need to bring my own lunch?

It is up to you! You can bring a packed lunch or you can buy food from our cafe. Paula and Sarah from open 8.30am to 1.30pm serving drinks, snacks and meals (they accept cash and card).

Is there somewhere safe to leave my bike?

Yes - we have bike storage. On your first day you will need to bring your bike into reception and you will be shown how to gain access to this area. Please do not lock your bike up on the bike racks at the front of the academy as we cannot ensure they will be safe.

My bus leaves soon after the last lesson finishes - do I have enough time to catch it?

If you speak to reception staff they will issue you with a pass to allow you to leave a couple of minutes early to make sure you can catch your bus.

I am unable to attend the Sixth Form Induction - what do I do?

The Sixth Form Induction is compulsory if you wish to join the Sixth Form in September. During induction sessions you will be set work to be completed over the summer which will contribute towards your initial assessments in September.

Sixth Form campus culture

The Sixth Form Campus is a truly wonderful learning environment. The students and staff make our Sixth Form a very special place to be. We hope you enjoy your time on the campus and respectfully ask you to help us in looking after the great atmosphere we have created as well as keeping the campus clean and tidy.

I'm going on the Nottingham residential - what do I need to know?

We will go through final arrangements during your welcome talk. However, you will need to be at the Sixth Form Campus for 9am on Thursday 27th June and we will return to the Campus by 3.30pm on Friday 28th June. You will need a small overnight bag (bedding, towels and toiletries are provided). You will need some money to buy lunch on both days but your evening meal and breakfast is provided. There may be a small amount of free time for you to use the university sports/swimming facilities so you may wish to pack appropriate kit

What do I do if my timetable isn't right?

We have tried our best but mistakes do happen! If there is a clear error on your timetable please email sixthform@deferrers.com as soon as possible to let us know. Please remember we are only able to offer you subjects you are predicted to meet the subject entry criteria for.

Can I change my subjects options?

Yes! As long as you are predicted to meet the entry criteria we can make changes to your preferred subject choices. If you wish to change your choices before our Induction starts please email sixthform@deferrers.com. If you change your mind once Induction has started please see a member of Support and Guidance.

What is a conditional offer?

A conditional offer means you have a place to study your preferred subject choices on condition you meet the entry criteria. If you do not meet the entry criteria for your preferred subjects this does not mean you no longer have a place in the Sixth Form, however, we will need to look at more suitable courses based on your GCSE results.

Support and Guidance Staff

Mrs Hulbert - Head of Year 12 and 13

Mrs Hobson - Assistant Head of Year 12 and 13

Mr Botten - Learning Support Mentor

Miss Roberts - Vice Principal

Mrs Bickle - Senior Vice Principal